CHAPTER NO. 362

HOUSE BILL NO. 1403

By Representative Tindell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1760

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-604, relative to the authorization of municipalities operating an electric plant to provide cable services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-604, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(d) Except for two (2) municipal electric systems located in the middle grand division of the state, no additional municipal electric system shall apply or be granted authorization to provide the services described in § 7-52-601 until February 1, 2006, at which time the General Assembly shall receive and consider the comptroller's report described in subsection (c); provided, however, that municipal electric systems presently operating pursuant to § 7-52-601 on the effective date of this act or having received approval pursuant to § 7-52-602 as of such date shall not be subject to the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2005

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR